Funds for Commonwealth Games

1261. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are grappling with finances of the 2010 Commonwealth Games to be held in New Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the cost of hosting games is likely to increase from Rs. 634 crores to Rs. 800 crores; and

(c) if so, the details of the spending mechanism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHIVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) At the time of Government approval for Commonwealth Games bid in the year 2003, Indian Olympic Association (IOA) had projected an expenditure of Rs. 399.05 crore which included Rs. 150.00 crores for infrastructure. Besides, cost of construction of Games Village was projected at Rs. 186.00 crore and construction of indoor & outdoor stadium in the Yamuna Sports Complex and upgradation of existing infrastructure of the Delhi Development Authority at Rs. 32.50 crore.

However, recently Organising Committee for Commonwealth Games, 2010 (OC) has submitted estimated expenditure of Rs. 802.23 crores (excluding upgradation of infrastructure). Similarly, Government of NCT has submitted with an estimate of Rs. 1314 crores for upgrading of civic infrastructure in Delhi. The budget requirement of Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and Sports Authority of India (SAI) would depend on finalisation of disciplines and decision on the options pertaining to Games Village.

(c) After the approval of the proposals by the Group of Ministers and the competent authority, the concerned agencies, namely, Government of NCT of Delhi for civic infrastructure, SAI & DDA for sports infrastructure and Games Village and OC for conduct of the Games will execute the respective works/activities.

Doping Test

1262. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is set to put the anti doping programme on fast track but the major problem in checking doping has been absence of the right personnel in Government; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to appoint right personnel to check doping?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) India is set to put the anti-doping programme on fast track. The staff deployed at Dope Control Centre (DCC) set up in Sports Authority of India (SAI) have adequate experience and expertise in the field of sample analysis for detecting doping.

(b) Does not arise.

Monopolies of management in sports

1263. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that monopolies of management have come to stay and dominate all games and sports in the country;

(b) in what manner Government are trying to change the scenario presently prevailing in the country;

(c) whether any term limits would be imposed on any individual or group who continue to dominate the same game or sports from any State for decades together;

(d) whether opinion has been sought on how to combat this stagnation in sports management all across the country; and

(e) the steps proposed to open up sports management and administration in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) to (e) Sports activities are managed by the concerned National Sports Federations (NSFs) which are registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 under different State Governments and are autonomous in their functioning. The Government of India does not interfere in their day-to-day functioning, including their management. The election of office bearers of these federations are governed by the provisions of their Memorandum of Associations (MoA).

The Guidelines for Assistance to National Sports Federations have provisions restricting tenure of office bearers of NSFs to two tenures of 4 years each.